

**MINUTES OF THE
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014

The Ad Hoc Committee on Economic Competitiveness of the City of San José convened in Regular Session at 4:02 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room T1734, 17th Floor of the City Hall Tower.

PRESENT: Mayor Chuck Reed, Chair; Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen, Council Member Herrera, Council Member Liccardo

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: City Manager Ed Shikada, Director of Economic Development Kim Walesh, Interim Director of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Dave Sykes, Interim Deputy City Manager Joe Horwedel, Assistant Director of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Laurel Prevetti, Chief Building Official of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Chu Chang, Assistant Director of Public Works Harry Freitas, Projects Expeditor Sylvia Do, Mayor's Senior Policy Advisor Ru Weerakoon, and Deputy City Clerk Sylvie Roussel.

Mayor Reed opened the meeting acknowledging the great work of the Development Services Team, and shared from ongoing discussions with developers, investors and property owners that projects don't look like to be slowing down any time soon. He noted recent appointments through the STI/ITI permitting process including Ernst and Young, Cisco, Sunpower, Lam Research, and Oracle. In addition, Mayor Reed briefed the Committee on recent meetings with property owners in both North and South San José and strategies to retenant buildings.

MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

Documents Filed: Development Services Major Project List for April 2014, listing 34 projects and development project maps.

Interim Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Dave Sykes reported on the status of the permit process for many of the projects listed on the Major Projects Update, and responded to Committee questions.

ADDRESSING CHALLENGES

Interim Director of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Dave Sykes updated the Committee on plans to deal with recruitment for vacant positions in Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, updating technology, and addressing the service delivery gap, and responded to Committee questions.

Additional topics discussed included lack of personnel for certain projects, high-rise development incentive opportunities, and land development options in growing communities such as Communication Hill.

OTHER UPDATES

There were no other updates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS


Frederick Van Den Abbeel suggested that with all the great tech companies in San José, a form should be created so those companies have an opportunity to inform the public when they are holding events that are open to the public.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

The next meetings are scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2014 and Monday, May 5, 2014 both at 4:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Tower, Room 1734.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reed adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m.



Mayor Chuck Reed
Ad Hoc Committee on Economic Competiveness

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